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COUNTRY Poland

TOPIC Gleiwitz Airfield (Gliwice)

25X1 EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Gleiwitz (G 51/Y 37) airfield is located immediately south of the perimeter of the city. It was bounded by the road to Rybnicka in the west, and by the road to Pojkowska (Schoenwald) in the east. No military installations were available north of the airfield. There was open terrain without obstacles to flying west of the road of Rybnicka and east of the airfield. In the summer of 1953, the terrain south of the field was leveled as far as Schoenwald. The field was apparently being enlarged.
2. When the German troops vacated the field at the end of the war, most of its installations were demolished. In 1952/53 the destroyed hangers were reconstructed. Construction work at the field and the leveling of the terrain in the direction of Schoenwald was undertaken by the military construction firm of "Wojskowe Przedsiębiorstwo Fudowlane" at 2-4 Rynek in Gleiwitz.
3. Prior to August 1953, Gleiwitz airfield was not occupied by a military unit but used for training activities by the Polish "Liga Lotnicza". The instructors were members of the Polish Air Force and wore Polish Air Force uniforms. About eight trainers, piston-engine aircraft including biplanes and monoplanes besides an undetermined number of gliders, which were started by engine power, were stationed at the field. The trainees came from Gleiwitz and its environs and had not had any prior military training. The trainee first flew the gliders, subsequently the biplanes and finally the low-wing monoplanes. Initial parachute training was given to the trainees at Katowice (G 51/Y 57) where a parachute tower was available. Individual parachuting from biplanes was subsequently practiced at Gleiwitz airfield.

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The existence of the installation was known previously. Information on its enlargement is, however, received for the first time. The field is exclusively used by the Liga Lotnicza.

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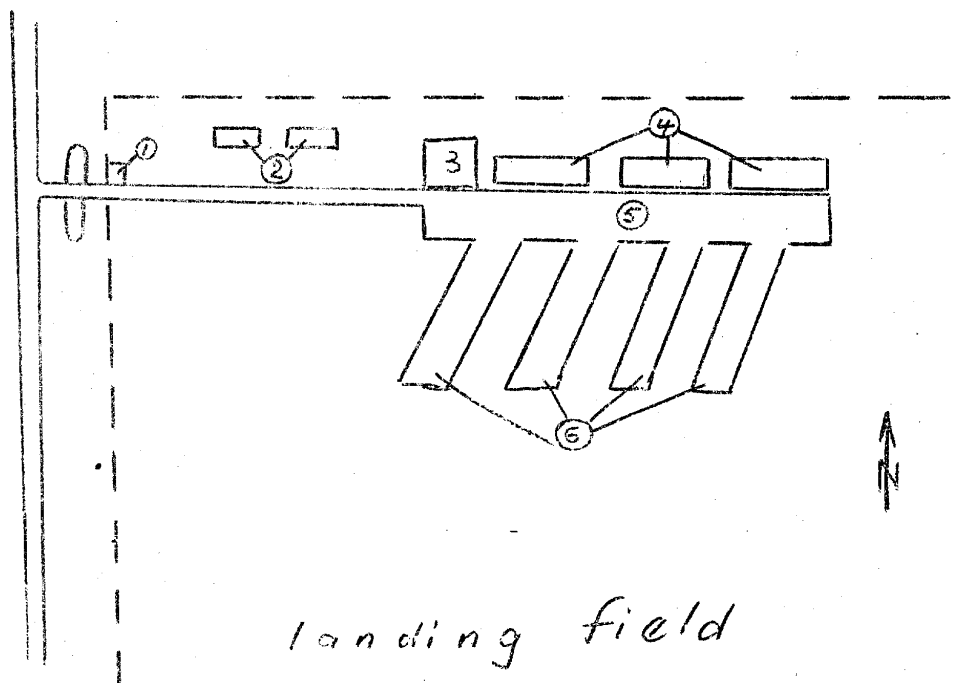
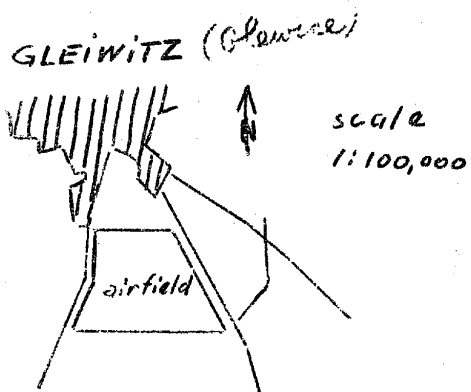
1. Gate with guard house.
2. Two single-story buildings, erected in 1953.
3. Permanent building, presumably flight control station.
4. Three hangars.
5. Concrete apron.
6. Concrete taxiways, each about 100 meters long.

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